

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 21, 2025





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September 21, 2025 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
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Divine Service 3 - Order of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

*"Christ Be My Leader"*

Henry V. Gerike

SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)

**842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and

truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us

Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your

glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our

love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **Service of the Word**

### **Introit**

*Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;\*  
give me understanding that | I may live.

**Righteous are you, | O LORD,\***

**and right are your | just decrees.**

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness\*  
and in all | faithfulness.

**My zeal con- | sumes me,\***

**because my foes for- | get your words.**

Your promise is | well tried,\*  
and your servant | loves it.

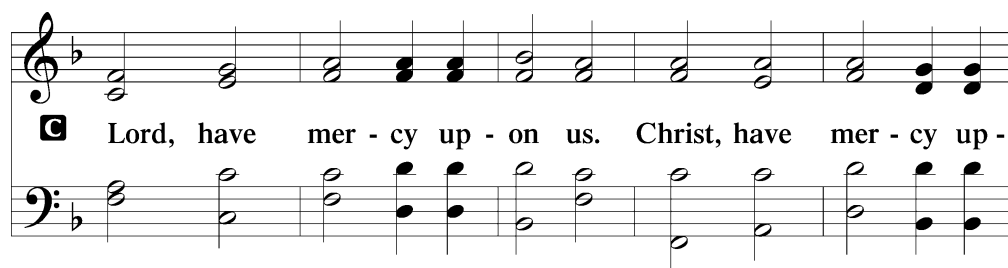
**Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,\***  
**and your | law is true.**



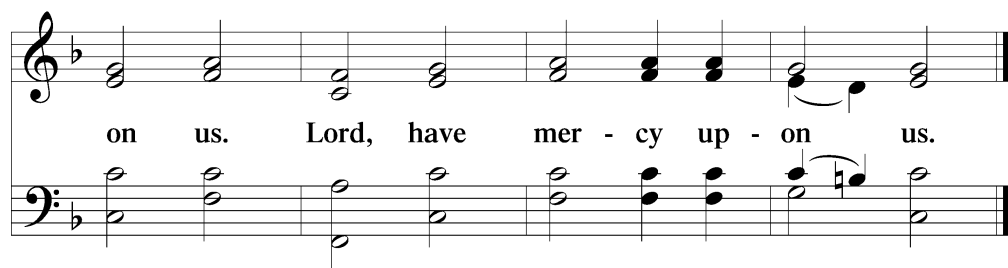
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
 Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;\*  
 give me understanding that | I may live.

## Kyrie

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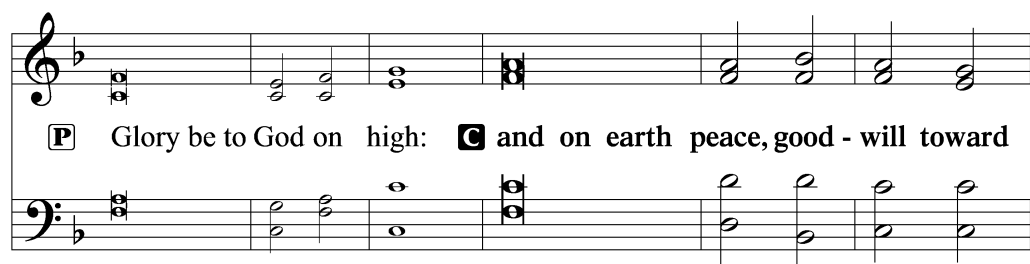
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



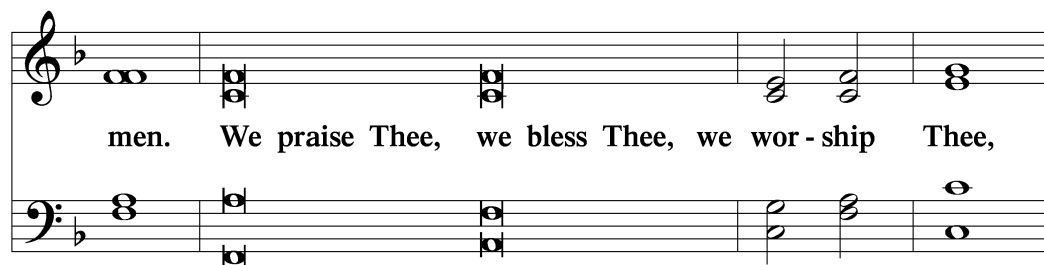
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

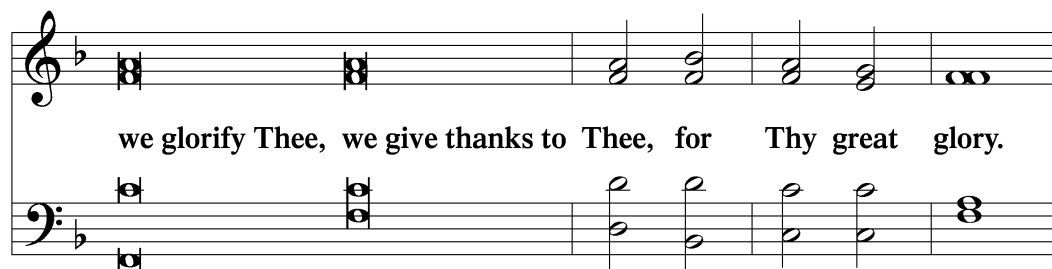
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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 8:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over,  
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,  
that we may offer wheat for sale,  
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great  
and deal deceitfully with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”  
  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 113; antiphon: v. 3*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants | of the LORD,\*  
praise the name | of the LORD!  
  
<sup>2</sup>**Blessèd be the name | of the LORD\***  
**from this time forth and for- | evermore!**  
<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!  
  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all | nations,\***  
**and his glory above the | heavens!**  
<sup>5</sup>Who is like the | LORD our God,\*  
who is seated | on high,  
<sup>6</sup>**who looks | far down\***  
**on the heavens | and the earth?**  
<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor | from the dust\*  
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,  
<sup>8</sup>**to make them sit with | princes,\***  
**with the princes of his | people.**  
<sup>9</sup>He gives the barren wom- | an a home,\*  
making her the joyous mother  
of children. | Praise the LORD!  
  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

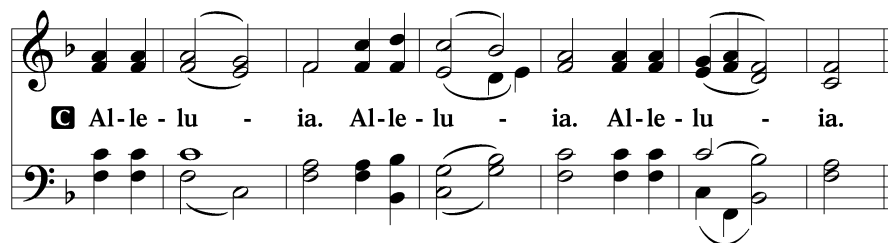
<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*  
**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**VERSE (By Pastor)**



**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 16:1–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



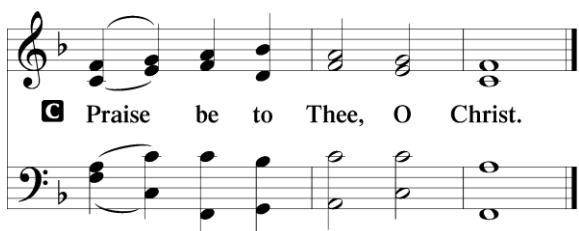


<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

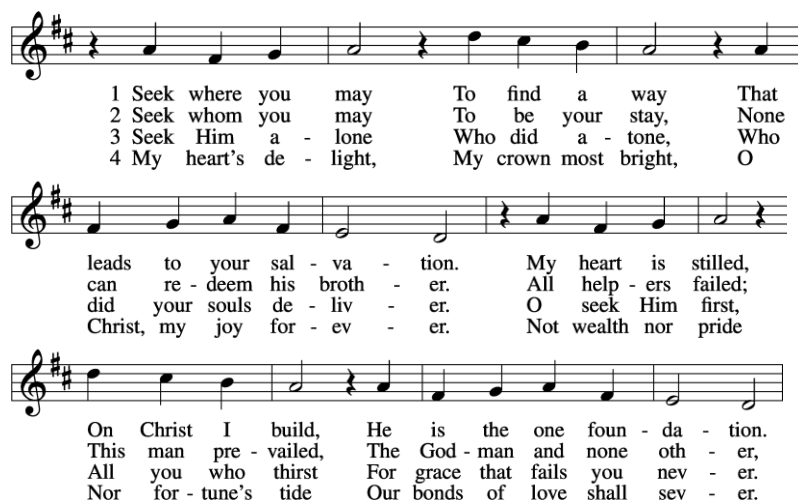
**C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

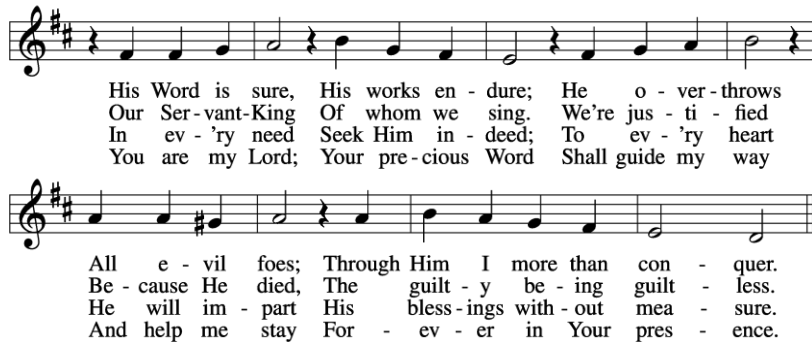
**557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way** (Choir sings v. 1, then congregation sings vv. 2-4)



1 Seek where you may To find a way That  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None  
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O

leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,  
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;  
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,  
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride

On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.  
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,  
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.  
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



## Sermon

TITLE OF THE SERMON:

# "YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MONEY"

TEXT: Luke 16:1-15 DATE: 9-21-2025

LITURGICAL DAY: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Theme: Since God knows our hearts, how do we conduct our lives as Christians, living daily in the sight of God? We serve God, not money.*

### I. SHREWDNESS

### II. FAITHFULNESS

### III. SERVICE

#### CONCLUSION:

The God/Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, serves us as Savior and Mediator between God and man. He paid the ransom for our salvation through his blood upon the cross. He saves us from sin, death, and hell. Now we use all the resources God gives us to support the preaching of the Gospel, in faith and truth. Like God, we too “desire all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” We serve God, not money!

#### HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

#### ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Attendance pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or blue (visitor) sheet

and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

Place the sheets in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. For visitors not receiving the communion elements, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a baptismal blessing. Fold your arms across your chest for identification Thank you!

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*  
**Offering**

**VOLUNTARY**

*"Seek Where You May to Find a Way" Timothy Schmidt*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

**In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:**  
 Raymond Sendelbach, Ember Ward, Kandie Darmody, Betty Tinney,  
 Mike Knox, Missouri District President Lee Hagen, John Eisenbraun,  
 Sarah Lemke, Sally McNeil, Gerry Hughes

**Other Needs We Pray for**

- \* Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
  - \* Pray for the protection of the unborn.
  - \* Pray for rain.

**Military Service Members & their Families**

Daniel Voges, Gabe Stecker, Mike Gobble, Alex Laffin,  
 Eli Wiley, and Calvin Ullman  
 Pray for peace for Syria, Israel, Palestine & Ukraine

**Birthdays**

Ron Fischer	9/21	Emma Sepulveda	9/24
Ed Hasbrook	9/21	Kurt Straughn	9/24
Pastor Mark Preus	9/21	Sara Lundmark	9/26
Doug Gransberg	9/22	Henry Peters	9/26
Loren Dunaway	9/24	Long Jiang	9/27
Roy Warner			9/27

**Anniversaries**

**Years**

Doug & Gwen Gransberg	9/21/1974	51
Marcia & Steven Gillis	9/23/1978	47
Daniel & Roxann Voges	9/25/2008	17
David & Tonya Fasgold	9/25/1999	26
Roy & Hope Warner	9/24/1975	50
Kurt & Gail Straughn	9/26/1987	38
Ron & Diann Fischer	9/27/1980	45
Josh & Hayley Hartman	9/27/2014	11

**Missions**

Makia Adler serves the Lord through The LCMS as a missionary in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, based in Belize. As a volunteer coordinator, she provides support for all short-term volunteers serving in the country. This includes assisting with every step of the process, from recruitment to on-the-ground logistics to future ways to serve once volunteers wrap up their service.

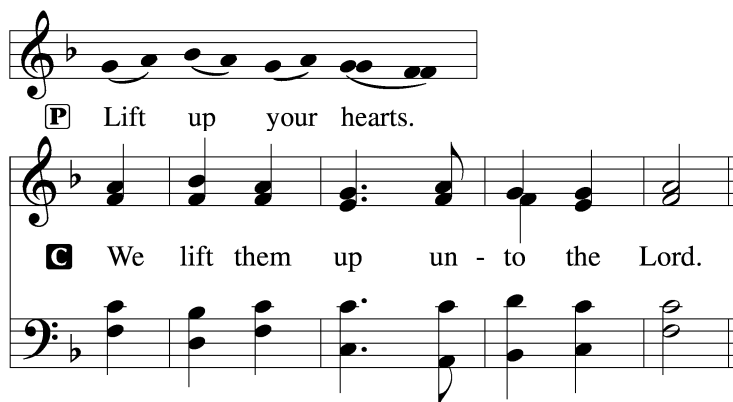
## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



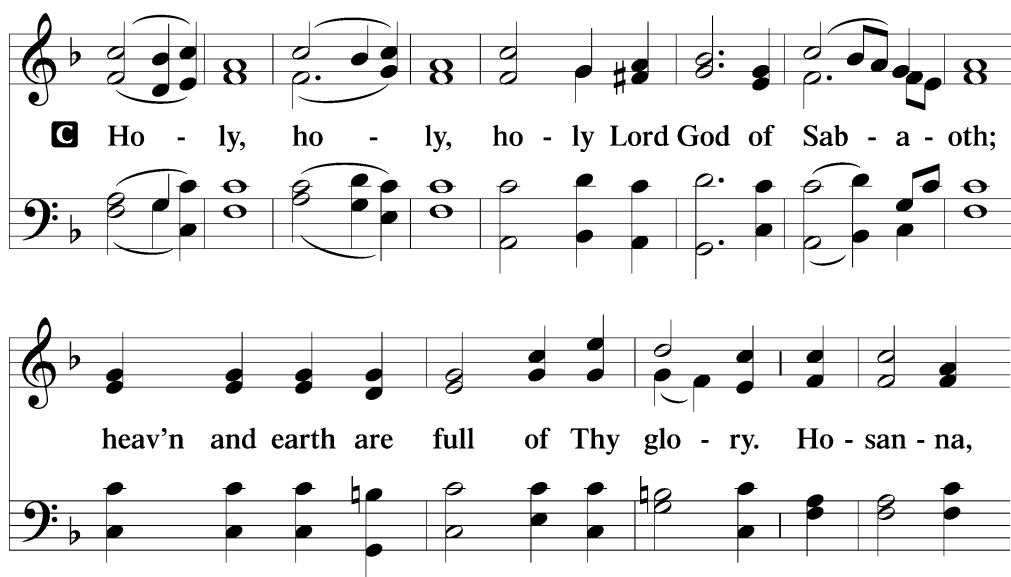
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

# Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

## 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my

grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y

not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
 As God wills, so be it ever;  
 I commit to Him my way.

- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
 God my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in Him I place.  
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding;  
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

## 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
 And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.  
 To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

### 730 What Is the World to Me

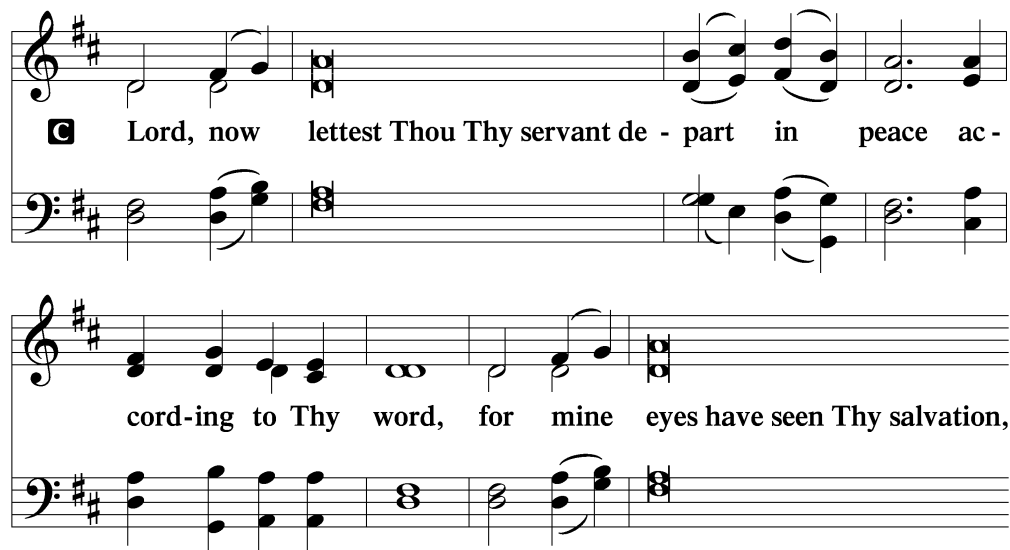


1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea-sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the might-y  
3 The world seeks af-ter wealth And all that mam-mon of-fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je-sus is my trea-sure,  
When You, and You a-lone, Lord Je-sus, are my trea-sure!  
Yet nev-er once re-flects That they are frail and flight-y.  
Yet nev-er is con-tent Though gold should fill its cof-fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea-sure,  
You on-ly, dear-est Lord, My soul's de-light shall be;  
But what I tru-ly prize A-bove all things is He,  
I have a high-er good, Con-tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e-ter-nal-ly.  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je-sus, He a-lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je-sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de-clare: What is the world to me!

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land

And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -

we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

POSTLUDE

*"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

Richard Wienhorst

